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I am against electric ratepayers paying for the cost of natural gas purchasing by their electric distribution company. First it is unfair for people not using natural gas to subsidize those who are. Second, and more important, the State should not be encouraging the expansion of natural gas in Connecticut. Natural gas is a greenhouse gas itself and the leaks from gas lines increase global warming. The burning of natural gas produces carbon dioxide which also a greenhouse gas. Natural gas is a double whammy for increasing global warming. Two recent scientific studies show that the planned expansion of natural gas use in the United States will increase global warming by 11 % by 2050.

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Sincerely,
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